

New Linden Hill Road Working Group

Minutes

Monday, September 16, 2002, 9 a.m.

Skyline United Methodist Church

ATTENDEES:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Agency</u>
Greg Levine	Senator Sokola's Office
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Project Update:

The completion is now scheduled for December 16 due to unanticipated problems with underground cable wiring. Since last month, left turn lanes have been incorporated into the traffic configuration at the New Linden Hill Rd./Skyline Drive intersection, which has greatly improved traffic flow in the area. Also more speed limit signs have been added in the work area. Work continues on the south side of New Linden Hill Road, with paving, excavating and installing catch basins. The contractor will place the curb and catch basins on the south side of the road in this phase. Once the curb and base hot mix are complete, the contractor will switch traffic and begin aligning the intersections on the north side of the road.

Questions and Discussion:

- The question was asked about the installation of the light at Upper Pike Creek Rd. All preliminary work is done, but the light is in the process of being fabricated. There's a possibility that it will be hung the week of Sept. 16.
- The improvement in the traffic flow at New Linden Hill Rd./Skyline Dr. was noted due to the addition of left turn lanes, and the question was raised whether turning lanes could be added to all intersections. The Department will try to look at the other intersections after the project is completed to see if lanes could be added to these intersections.
- The Department also has work coming that will require the closure of the entrances to the shopping centers in the project limits. The merchants will be notified by flyer prior to this happening. The closures will be kept to as short a time as possible to complete the work.
- Then, the question was asked whether turning lanes will be added at Upper Pike Creek Road during this phase and throughout the remainder of the project. DelDOT's field staff and the contractor will attempt to add the turn lanes when the new traffic light is placed.
- The Department addressed the site problem issue due to barriers blocking motorists' view removing some of the barriers and by building up some intersections with stone and removing some of the barriers.
- The safety concern at Videre Drive was raised where there is a desire in the final configuration to have a clearly defined single lane into and out of the development, to avoid enabling vehicles to turn right coming out of Videre Dr. The intersection will be paved and temporarily striped for the community to review. Prior to making the final

alignment, the Department will discuss with the community its desire, and the final alignment will be made based on the consensus of the community.

- A request was made to move the stockpile at New Linden Hill Rd./Skyline Dr. The Department will ask the contractor to do so.

Action items:

- Chris will coordinate with Charlie to go door-to-door to inform business owners about work being performed at the entrances to the shopping centers prior to it happening.
- Toward the end of the project, DelDOT's Traffic Section will be consulted about the final configuration and striping at Videre Dr. After placing temporary striping, the Department will seek consensus from the community, and the community's consensus will determine the final striping.

For questions or comments you may contact:

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***NEXT MEETING, Monday, October 21, 2002
9 a.m. at Skyline United Methodist Church***